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# **ROCHESTER, NEW YORK RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR INTERFERENCE WITH TWO FLIGHT ATTENDANTS**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on Monday, August 26, 2002, Donnie Jean Bonner, D.O.B. December 23, 1938, of Rochester, New York, was sentenced to three years of probation, and ordered to serve four months of home confinement, pay \$1,675 in restitution and pay a \$750 fine for two felony violations of Title 49, United States Code, Section 46504, Interference With Flight Attendants, by United States District Judge Earl H. Carroll, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Bonner had entered a plea of guilty to the charges on May 20, 2002. In the course of her guilty plea, Bonner admitted the following facts. On October 9, 2001, Bonner assaulted and intimidated two female flight attendants on Delta Airlines Flight 351. The assaults occurred while the plane was in flight traveling from Atlanta, Georgia, to Phoenix, Arizona. The assaults interfered with and lessened the ability of the flight attendants to perform their duties as flight attendants. The defendant assaulted and intimidated the flight attendants by making threatening statements and gestures to them. Bonner also agreed to pay restitution for the physical injuries suffered by one of the flight attendants during the assault.

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The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Phoenix Police Department.

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